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SUBJECT : VC Assassinations and Abductions of GVN Personnel and  
Civilians: US Reporting period December 26, 1968 to  
January 25, 1969  
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Viet Cong terrorist incidents compiled by the Combined Intelligence  
Center Vietnam (CICV) are included in this report, together with those  
reported by the National Police.

There were 831 reported VC incidents during January, an increase of  
55 from the preceding month. Assassinations numbered 389, a slight  
increase over last month; however, abductions increased by almost 50  
percent. Of the 1,387 total abductions, 1,049 victims were taken from  
two villages.

VC incidents, assassinations, and abductions increased in all Corps  
except II Corps where abductions decreased by 78 percent. A slight  
decrease in incidents and assassinations in Saigon is noted.

Assassinations of NP throughout Vietnam decreased from 17 during  
December to 13 during January. No policemen were abducted.

The following incidents are considered to be worthy of special note:

A VC squad entered the residence of a People's Self Defense Force  
member in Tuyen Duc Province. After being shot to death, he was  
beheaded.

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Two wives of Popular Force soldiers in Go Cong Province were abducted and subsequently assassinated with machettes by a VC squad. The VC announced that both women were agents for the GVN.

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 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATIONS AND ABDUCTIONS

NOTE:  
 A - Govt. Officials  
 B - Govt. Employees  
 C - General Populace  
 I - Incidents

Period covered:  
 From 26 Dec.'68 - 25 Jan'69

LOCATION	I	ASSASSINATIONS							ABDUCTIONS								
		SELECTIVE			GENERAL			TOTAL	SELECTIVE			GENERAL			TOTAL		
		A	B	C	A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C			
<u>I CORPS</u>																	
QUANG TRI	17	1		3			4	8			3						3
THUA THIEN (HUE)	9			6				6									
QUANG NAM	64	1		9			54	64	2	1	10					67	80
QUANG NGAI	43	1	1	10			5	17	1		29					867	897
QUANG TIN	25		4	3			18	25	3		12					15	30
SUB-TOTAL	158	3	5	31			81	120	6	1	54					949	1010
<u>II CORPS</u>																	
BINH DINH	37	4	1	16			6	27	2		13						15
BINH THUAN	48	2				2	1	5	1		6					28	35
DARLAC	10						6	6									
KONTUM	20					1	5	6			2						2
KHANH HOA	13						3	3			2						
LAM DONG	6		1	3			8	12									
NINH THUAN	16			1				1			1						1
PHU BON	1															9	9
PHU YEN	19			4			3	7			6						6
PLEIKU	16						3	3			6					10	16
QUANG DUC	60				1		4	5			1						1
TUYEN DUC	22	1		9			13	23			6					4	10
DATAT	12	1	2			1	1	5	1								1
SUB-TOTAL	230	8	4	33	1	4	53	103	4		43					51	98
<u>III CORPS</u>																	
BIEN HOA	34			3			3	6			4						4
BINH DUONG	22			3		6	8	17			3						3
BINH LONG	8						3	3			3						3
BINH TUY	10			2			1	3			1						1
HAU NGHIA	33			6		1	9	16			10					5	15
LONG AN	8			1			1	2									
LONG KHANH	9			2			5	7									
PHUOC LONG	11			1				1									
PHUOC TUY	40			3			2	5			55						55
TAY NINH	5					4		4									
GIA DINH	8	2		4				6									
SAIGON	22	2	1	3				6									
SUB-TOTAL	210	4	1	28		11	32	76			76					5	81

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LOCATION	I	ASSASSINATIONS							ABDUCTIONS						
		SELECTIVE			GENERAL			TOTAL	SELECTIVE			GENERAL			TOTAL
		A	B	C	A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C	
AN GIANG	2			1				1							
AN XUYEN	6					1	2	3							
BA XUYEN	17	1					13	14		1	2			7	10
BAC LIEU	12			2		1	5	8	1		3			4	8
CHAU DOC	7			1			5	6							
CHUONG THIEN	30						4	4			3			12	15
DINH TUONG	30			5			5	10			2			150	152
GO CONG	5			2		4	10	16						4	4
KIEN GIANG	18			2		1	1	4			3			5	8
KIEN HOA	8						3	3							
KIEN PHONG	17	1		5			1	7							
KIEN TUONG	8						1	1							
PHONG DINH	9			1			4	5							
VINH BINH	3						6	6							
VINH LONG	6						1	1							
SA DEC	5						1	1			1				1
SUB-TOTAL	183	2		19		7	62	90	1	1	14			182	198
TOTAL	831	17	10	111	1	22	228	389	11	2	187			1187	1387

All provinces and cities accounted for

GRAND TOTAL - ASSASSINATIONS 389GRAND TOTAL - ABDUCTIONS 1,387

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SECTION II  
ASSASSINATIONS-SELECTIVE INCIDENTS

Death from a selected premeditated attack against persons-presumed or known to be VC  
 caused-result of deliberate terroristic acts (not accidental or cause by military actions)

	NUMBER OF DEATHS				
	Shooting	Bombing	Mining	Grenades	Other
A. <u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS</u>					
1. National, Corps, Regions, etc.				1	
2. Province	2				
3. District					
4. Village					
5. Hamlet	12			2	
B. <u>GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</u>					
1. National, Corps, Regions, etc.					
2. Civil Servants					
3. National Police (when not on military operations)	5				
4. RD Worker	5				
C. <u>GENERAL POPULACE</u>					
1. News Media Exec-Publishers					
2. Prominent Citizens	1				
3. Other	100	2		8	
TOTALS	125	2		11	

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SECTION III  
ASSASSINATIONS-GENERAL INCIDENTS

Deaths from unspecific attacks against persons-presumed or known to be VC caused, result of terroristic act, (not accidental or military actions).

A. <u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS</u>	NUMBER OF DEATHS					Total
	Shooting	Bombing	Mining	Grenades	Other	
1. National, Corps, Regions, etc.						
2. Province						
3. District						
4. Village						
5. Hamlet	1					1
B. <u>GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</u>						
1. Civil Servants						
2. National Police (when not on military operations)	1	2	5			8
3. RD Worker	8	5	1			14
C. <u>GENERAL POPULACE</u>						
1. News Media Executives						
2. Prominent Citizens						
3. Other Civilians	79	78	54	15	2	228
TOTALS	89	85	60	15	2	251

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SECTION IV  
ABDUCTIONS

All civilian kidnappings committed by VC.

A. <u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS</u>	NUMBER OF ABDUCTIONS		
	Selective	General	Total
1. National, Corps, Regions etc.			
2. Province			
3. District			
4. Village			
5. Hamlet	11		11
B. <u>GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</u>			
1. Civil Servants	1		1
2. National Police (when not on military operations)			
3. RD Worker			
4. Other	1		1
C. <u>GENERAL POPULACE</u>			
1. News Media Executives			
2. Prominent Citizens			
3. Other	187	1,187	1,374
TOTALS	200	1,187	1,387

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SECTION V  
ASSASSINATIONS

Position and/or Title of Victim

A. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

1 Government Official  
2 Province Officials

6 Hamlet Chiefs  
9 Hamlet Officials

B. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

13 NP

19 RD

C. GENERAL POPULACE

2 Hoi Chanh  
2 Refugees

28 People's Self Defense Force (PSDF)  
1 Catholic Priest

ABDUCTIONS

A. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

4 Hamlet Chiefs

7 Hamlet Officials

B. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

1 GVN Employee

1 School Teacher

C. GENERAL POPULACE

36 PSDF

1 Refugee



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SECTION VI  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Effect of Terrorists Acts on Local Government:

VC terrorist activities directed against local government officials decreased during January. Although most assassinations were committed in hamlets, there were no indications that officials on this level of government have slackened their efforts or determination.

2. Noticeable Trends:

The VC have intensified their terrorism campaign against members of the People's Self Defense Force (PSDF) throughout the country and numerous casualties and attacks on PSDF installations have been reported. Although assassinations of hamlet chiefs and officials decreased, they continue to be VC targets. The sharp increase in abductions could indicate that the VC are encountering difficulties in voluntary recruitment for their armed forces; however, an analysis of the statistics revealed that the majority of the victims abducted during this period were used for forced labor or propaganda indoctrination and subsequently released. In addition to the efforts of the VC to recruit young females, an increase in abductions of young females is noted.

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